

IMPLEMENTATION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.26 BY OFFICES - EPO

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OVERVIEW

Implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the EPO

- Handling sequence listings
- Preparing for WIPO Standard ST.26 version 2.0

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HANDLING SEQUENCE LISTINGS



HANDLING SEQUENCE LISTINGS (PCT / INTERNATIONAL PHASE)

PCT - Receiving Office

Limited review of formal requirements under the applicable RO Guidelines.

PCT - ISA

If the application contains a sequence listing or sequence information:

SV Team (PCT - ISA)

- Examination of formal requirements
- Invitation to provide compliant sequence listing, if necessary

- **Examiners** (search / exam)
- **SEQL Technical team** (distribution to databases)
- **Formalities officers** (final check before grant)

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PREPARING FOR VERSION 2.0



UPDATES TO WIPO STANDARD ST.26 WITH VERSION 2.0

Key changes:

- A subset of nucleotide analogues and peptide analogues will be required to be represented in the sequence listing by the corresponding unmodified residue symbol;
- Short sequences (with less than 10 specifically defined nucleotides or less than 4 specifically defined amino acids) will be optionally allowed to be included in a sequence listing.

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TRANSITION TO VERSION 2.0 (INTERNAL ACTIONS)

Formalities officers & Sequence Verification Team

- Instructions' update

Examiners

- Internal instructions' update
- Reminder upon entry into force

System update*

- Sequence Listing Verification System, the tool used by the Sequence Verification Team
- To reflect the change allowing short sequences

*No system update required for the mandatory representation of a specific subset of modified nucleotides and a specific subset of modified amino acids as specifically defined residues

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TRANSITION TO VERSION 2.0 (EXTERNAL ACTIONS)

Regulatory and legal changes

- Publish the changes in the EPO Official Journal
- Revise the Guidelines (EPO & EPO-PCT GL)

Update of reference information

- EPO website
- FAQs

Promote awareness

- News item (website / newsletter)
- Communication to user representatives

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